



REPORT OF AMERICAN RED CROSS

Granite Chapter

Serving the Concord Area

Lakes Region & North Conway

The Granite Chapter (formerly the Concord Area Chapter) works with 140 communities in the Concord area, Lakes Region and North Country. Staff and volunteers provide disaster response, emergency preparedness, courses in health and safety, blood drives, volunteer and youth leadership opportunities, aid to military families, and support to international services.

In the past year, this chapter has been active in the Alton area in many ways.

- More than 17 disaster-trained volunteers have formed the chapter's Lakes Region Disaster Action Team which responds to disasters day or night in Alton and other towns in the Lakes Region.
- Last May the chapter responded to a house fire in Alton that affected three families; Red Cross disaster staff and volunteers gave families assistance for lodging, food, clothing and other essential needs.
- More than a third of our health and safety classes are held in the Belmont branch office at the Belknap Mall; these classes include CPR, First Aid, use of AEDs, Babysitter Training, Safe on my Own (for ages 8-11), and Pet First Aid.
- Last year there were 13 blood drives in Belknap County that resulted in 561 pints of blood. Throughout our services area there were 177 blood drives with 10,632 pints of blood collected.

The chapter is a non-profit organization that receives no federal funding. We depend on donations of time and money from the American people to support our services. The generous contributions from the residents of Alton help to ensure that the American Red Cross can train and prepare people for emergencies, and respond swiftly and effectively at times of disasters.

Respectfully Submitted,

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